

REGION 98 COVID POLICY Fall 2021

Safety comes first in Region 98. With the new variants, we need to be extra careful, especially since most of our younger kids are still too young to get vaccinated.

Participation in our Fall soccer program requires agreeing to abide by the COVID-19 protocols listed below. Please review carefully:

MASKS

Mask policy is for players, coaches, referees and spectators with the protection of our youngest players in mind. The following policies apply to both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals:

- All Players must wear a mask while on the sidelines when not playing in a game or during practices when not practicing
- Players participating in games and practices are not required to wear. However, players in Playground – 12U are encouraged to wear masks during games and practice. Players in 14U-19U are not required to wear a mask except while on the sidelines.
- Coaches, assistant coaches, must wear a mask during practice, and during games. Head coaches may remove their mask when actively coaching a game for competitive divisions (U10 –U19) games only, **and only while they are in the coach's box**, in order for players to hear them during the games.
- Spectators are asked to not sit in the coaches box and allow for safe distancing
- Team Managers/ Team Parents must wear a mask during practices, games, and other AYSO Region 98 activities in all divisions.
- Referees must wear a mask when not actively referring a game. However, those referees should have a mask available for situations in which they require close contact with others - coin toss, substitutions, injury, etc.
- Spectators must wear a mask when attending practices, games and other AYSO Region 98 activities in all Divisions (with the exception of children under 2 years age or those with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask)

Masks should be properly fitted to the wearer and of suitable materials and layers.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

VACCINATIONS

All Coaches, Team Managers and Referees are encouraged to be fully vaccinated.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All coaches, spectators, and players not actively playing shall make best efforts to

maintain a distance of six feet separation when possible and shall respect the space of anyone trying to maintain physical distance.

EXPOSURE

Any coach, player, referee or AYSO Volunteer with a covid-19 positive test must be reported to the rc@ayso98.org

Players and Coaches testing positive for COVID must following the following guidelines before returning to play or practice:

If the player was symptomatic but they did not have severe COVID-19 or a weakened immune system, they can resume activities if:

1) it has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared

and

2) 24 hours has elapsed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications

and

3) Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation).

If the player was not symptomatic they can resume activities if:

1) The player continues to have no symptoms

and

2) 10 days have passed since the player had a positive viral test for COVID-19

For the latest information, on COVID-19 and youth sports, see [Los Angeles County recreation guidelines](#).

SNACKS:

- Region 98 will allow team snacks for all teams provided that they are individually wrapped and not sharing of food or drink.
- Team Manager should have sanitizer to sanitize hands before allowing consumption for half time snacks
- Pls make sure that you dispose of your trash and do not leave bags, bottles and liter on the field

Please continue to check AYSO Region 98 for updates.